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Multiple Dependent	0	-	0		0	390.00	\$0
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Extension of Time	One Month		Two Months		Three Months	Four Months	
Fee	\$130		\$490		\$1,110	\$1,730	\$0
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Terminal Disclaimer							\$0
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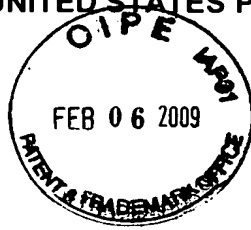
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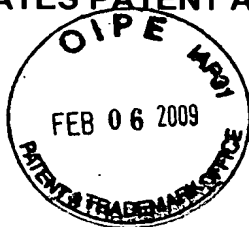
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In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2008, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claim 5 has been cancelled. In the previous Amendment, filed June 26, 2008, claim 1 was amended to essentially incorporate the subject matter of claim 5 by deleting m is 0. Filed with the previous Amendment was the Rule 132 Declaration of co-inventor Hiroki Kodama.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC 103(a) over Kodama et al. (EP 1,277,726A1) in view of Harayama et al. (US 2004/0116299A1). These references do not make the presently claimed invention to be obvious.

Because of the prior amendment of claim 1, the recitation of $-S(O)_m-$ in formulas (II) and (III) is now $-SO-$. The presently claimed method recites a method which comprises the steps of introducing a halogen atom in o-position of the benzene nucleus of the sulfoxide (II) to obtain halogenated sulfoxide (III) and then